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1. In mid-May the Chinese Communists sent secret service men into Kyuhkok, (98-05; 24-05) Burma, across the river from Wanting (97-55; 24-00). The object was to disturb the border by acts of arson. Five fires broke out simultaneously in Kyuhkok and four-fifths of the town was burned out. To deceive the Burmese people the Chinese Communists sent their Women's Federation to give food to the victims of the fire. The naive captain of the Burmese unit stationed at Kyuhkok was deceived by this Communist goodwill gesture and crossed the river to express his gratitude. However, the Chinese Communists retook his action as a deliberate violation of the border. The language barrier increased the misunderstanding as a result of which the Chinese detained the captain and have not yet released him.
2. The Burmese and Chinese Communists have agreed that troops of both nations would withdraw 30 kilometers from the border to avoid incidents. The Chinese Communist troops in Wanting withdrew to Chefeng (98-18; 24-15) and were replaced by a peace preservation unit. Actually only a change in the unit designation occurred. Many Chinese Communist soldiers with familiar faces have been seen in Kyuhkok and the strength of troops in key places has been increased. Kyuhkok is virtually under Chinese Communist control. Frightened merchants and local residents have moved to Iling Wuma (一寧五馬) (sic) and Muse (97-54; 24-00).
3. Burmese troops at Kyuhkok withdrew to Iling Wuma and were replaced by Kachin police. This withdrawal permits the Chinese Communists to smuggle gasoline and metal products into Yunnan. Ten truck loads entered Yunnan on 5 June alone. Trucks bound from Lashio to Kyuhkok or Wanting are very welcome.

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